

Remarks/Arguments

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 18-26. Based upon the Examiner's indication that Claims 18-26 would be allowable if re-written to independent claim form, Applicants have amended Claim 1 to incorporate the claimed elements of Claim 18, including all intervening intermediate claims, i.e., Claims 14, 15 and 16. Accordingly, it is submitted that amended Claim 1 is in proper condition for allowance. Dependent Claims 2-9 now depend from allowable Claim 1 and, therefore, are also submitted to be allowable.

Claim 10 has been amended to incorporate the claimed elements of allowable dependent Claim 19, which previously depended directly from Claim 10. Claims 13-19 have now been cancelled. Claim 10 is submitted to be allowable as amended. Similarly, dependent Claims 11-12 and 20 are believed to be allowable as they depend or have been amended to depend from allowable Claim 10.

Claims 21-24 and 26 have been amended to independent claim form to incorporate all of the elements of base Claim 10, and, in accordance with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter, Claims 21-24 and 26 are submitted to be allowable. Claim 25, depends from allowable Claim 22, and is, therefore, also allowable.

Applicant has cancelled Claims 13 and 17. Therefore the Examiner's objection to Claim 13 as being in improper dependent form stands traversed.

The Examiner's rejection of Claims 1-5, 7-10, 13 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Anderson, Jr., et al. and the Examiner's rejection of Claims 6, 11-12 and 14-16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Anderson Jr., et al. are deemed to be traversed by the present amendments to independent Claims 1 and 10 which incorporate the claimed elements of allowable dependent claims and intervening claims.

No new claims have been added after Final, and the cancellation of claims results in fewer pending claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that pending claims 1-3, 8-12, and 20-26 be allowed and pass to issue.

Response to Advisory Action

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication of certain informalities in the Response After Final filed on August 9, 2005. In response, Applicant

has cancelled Claims 4-7, which were inadvertently not previously cancelled in the Response After Final. Applicant has also amended Claims 22-24 and Claim 26 to more specifically recite the powder composition or the Markush group from which the powder is selected, or to recite the powder coating or the Markush group of compounds from which the powder coating is selected.

Applicant submits, therefore, that the foregoing claims properly limit the scope of the claims to that subject matter which has already been deemed allowable over the art cited and of record. Accordingly, allowance of the pending amended claims is respectfully solicited.

Conclusion

Applicants are concurrently filing this Amendment and Response to Advisory action and fee calculation sheet. No additional claims fees are necessitated by the presentation of this Amendment as such fees were already paid with the prior-filed Amendment After Final on August 9, 2005. This application is being timely filed and no extension fees are believed due with this response, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Rosenbaum & Associates, P.C. deposit account No. 18-2000.

Applicant believes all requirements have been met. Should the Examiner require any further information or wish to discuss any aspect of this response, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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